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SUBJECT: NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING ON 19 NOVEMBER

REF: (A) NPG(STAFF GROUP)N(73)116; (B) USNATO 5486

BEGIN SUMMARY: NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) MEETING 19 NOVEMBER WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO DISCUSSION OF NDAC MATTERS. SG APPROVED DRAFT AGENDA AND DRAFT NDAC PARAGRAPHS FOR DPC COMMUNIQUE. SG AGREED ON A NUMBER OF REVISIONS TO DRAFT NPG REPORT TO NDAC. THE REPORT WILL BE APPROVED BY SILENCE PROCEDURE BY COB 26 NOVEMBER IN ABSENCE OF COMMENTS FROM CAPITALS. IN RESPONSE TO COMMENT FROM UK REP, U.S. REP SAID THAT U. S. DID NOT ENVISION THAT INITIATION OF NPG STUDY OF IMPLICATIONS OF NEW WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL SECDEF HAD GIVEN HIS BRIEFING ON TAC NUC R&D AT THE SPRING 1974 NPG MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT 19 NOVEMBER MEETING, SG AGREED ON REVISIONS TO DRAFT NPG REPORT TO THE NDAC (REF. (A), POUCHED) IN PARA. 2 BELOW. REVISED DRAFT REPORT WILL BE APPROVED BY SILENCE  
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PROCEDURE ON COB 26 NOVEMBER UNLESS COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED FROM NPG COUNTRIES PRIOR TO THAT TIME. MISSION SEES NO PROBLEMS WITH REPORT, WHICH IS A FACTUAL DESCRIPTION OF NPG ACTIVITIES DURING PAST YEAR. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY

WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON REVISED DRAFT REPORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO MISSION NOT LATER THAN 26 NOVEMBER. IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMENTS, MISSION WILL ASSUME WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT.

2. SG AGREED REVISION TO REF. (A):

A. PARA. 6, THIRD SENTENCE: DELETE LAST PART OF SENTENCE BEGINNING WITH "COVERING SUCH MATTERS..." SENTENCE ENDS AFTER WORK "ANALYSIS".

B. PARA. 6, FIFTH SENTENCE: DELETE "WILL" INSERT "SHOULD".

C. PARA. 6, SIXTH SENTENCE: REVISE TO READ, " UNTIL FURTHER PROGRESS IS MADE IN PHASE II, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE..."

D. PARA. 7, THIRD SENTENCE: REVISE TO READ "...THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ACCEPT..."

E. PARA. 7, FOURTH SENTENCE: DELETE THE PHRASE, "IN THE COURSE OF THEIR FREE-RANGING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS..." INSERT "ALSO" AFTER "THE NPG MINISTERS..."

F. PARA. 7, FIFTH SENTENCE: REVISE TO READ, "... SPECIAL ATTENTION AT THE MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER 1973."

G. PARA. 9, FIRST SENTENCE: REVISE SENTENCE INTO TWO SENTENCES WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE CONSIDERATION OF ILLUSTRATIVE STUDIES OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A USEFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN POLITICAL AUTHORITIES AND THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. MOREOVER, IT PROVIDES A BASIS FOR THE MINISTERS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE MILITARY NUCLEAR WEAPONS RELEASE PROCEDURES AND TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE POLITICAL AND MILITARY..."

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H. PARA. 11, LAST SENTENCE: DELETE THE PHRASE, "... TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER." INSERT THE PHRASE "...TO CONSIDER THE INITIATION OF SUCH A STUDY."

I. PARA. 14, SECOND SENTENCE: DELETE "COMPLETE A"; INSERT "PRODUCE AT LEAST A PRELIMINARY." DELETE "JUNE"; INSERT "SPRING".

J. PARA. 14, THIRD SENTENCE: REVISE "MILITARILY IMPAIRED..." TO READ "MILITARILY UNAVOIDABLE..."

3. AS PROVIDED IN REF. (B), U.S. REP APPROVED DRAFT NDAC AGENDA AND DRAFT NDAC PARAGRAPH FOR THE DPC COMMUNIQUE.

OTHER SG REPS ALSO APPROVED THESE TWO ITEMS.

4. DURING DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF THE HAGUE NPG MEETING, UK REP (STEWART) SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT INITIATION OF THE NPG STUDY OF IMPLICATIONS OF NEW WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY WOULD NOT BE HELD UP UNTIL SECDEF HAD PRESENTED HIS BRIEFING ON TACTICAL NUCLEAR R & D AT THE SPRING 1974 NPG MEETING. U.S. REP (WOODWORTH) RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. DID NOT ENVISION A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE TWO, AND ANTICIPATED THAT THE NEW NPG STUDY WOULD BE ORGANIZED AND INITIATED PRIOR TO THE SPRING 1974 NPG MEETING.

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